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7/4/70

Mr Eric P. Newman
St Louis, Mo

Dear Mr Newman

At the suggestion of Mr W. L. Scheer I am writing regarding your knowledge pertaining to the enclosed print. Since his letter did not indicate your possible informative background I do not of course know if you are a collector, curator or dealer in prints?

I trust this inquiry will not trouble you & you may be interested in the letter enclosed.

Please return the enclosures. If you are interested in the photograph of the print for any record I will have another copy made for you. Thanking you I am

Sincerely John W Wholihan

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9/4/70

Mr Eric P Newman
St Louis. Mo.

Dear Mr Newman:

Some months ago, at the suggestion of Dr. W. H. Schwab I sent some material regarding a Grand Canyon Print done in St Louis. Your Secy. advised you were away & would see it on your return.

In the event this does not reach you I would appreciate if you would return the material & photo of the print. Believe I sent a stamped return envelope.

Thank you
John W Wholihan.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

September 10, 1970

Dr. John W. Wholihan
[redacted]

Dear Dr. Wholihan:

Your letter of July 4, 1970 and the follow-up are at hand.

I have checked with the local collections, where there are quantities of Gast material, and do not find the Grand Canon print.

I was limited, to some degree, in investigating it because I do not know the full text of the small print just above the main title to the lithograph. Would you be nice enough to give me the text of each of the three small legends.

I have discussed the matter with the Missouri Historical Society, and they are interested in acquiring the piece if it is for sale. From your research, it is obvious that the item is very rare.

As soon as we know what connection Jules Bauman has with the picture we will try to find out whether he was originally a St. Louisian.

Regardless of what disposition is made of the piece, I would like very much to turn over to the Missouri Historical Society a print of it and hope that you can have another one made, as you indicate.

Mrs. Schwab's suggestion that you contact me is, no doubt, because I have done research on prints relating to the St. Louis area and am glad to help those who have fascinating items, such as you.

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Dr. John W. Wholihan

September 10, 1970

I cannot close this letter without telling you that on my honeymoon, in 1939, on the SS Argentina, where we saw the opening naval battle of World War II (The Graf Spee), there was a lovely couple from Jackson, Michigan, with whom we were very friendly. I would have to check their name. I think they are both now deceased but my wife and I enjoyed their company so much.

Sincerely yours,

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9/13/70

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
St Louis. Mo.
Eric P Newman.
Dear Mr Newman.

Thank you for reply + your research confirming what I was interesting to me for I make my hobby collecting interesting by the details I can find regarding the background of items.

My second letter was prompted by the fact that I wish to dispose of the print and have always thought that items of local color should be in areas related to their background. I had in mind driving to Arizona, as a pleasure trip, and taking the print and an early painting of the twin belfries of Rancho de Taos Mission (New Mexico) into the area where I think they best find a protective home. I can understand that St Louis would the last so still in business could have such an interest in the print. I am sending you the details requested + I trust the detail is adequate.

I would be interested in an offer as such an item of rarity is difficult to price.

My son teaches at Bradley U. Peoria, Ill. and a visit to the area with the print would be very simple as I am retired.

Resp. Yours [signature]

Upper View
9" x 12

HANCE Cañon 1/2 Miles from the mouth
of the [illegible] Cañon
Looking EAST

Middle View
9 x 11 1/2"

Flagstaff Arizona and the San Francisco
Peaks on the Atlantic & Pacific R R
Gateway to the Grand Cañon of the Colorado River

Upper View
9" x 12"

Looking Across the Main
Cañon From the Rim of Hance Cañon
Looking North

Main View
11 1/2" x 35 1/2

Panoramic View of the Grand Cañon as seen from John Hance's Ranch on the South Rim 65 Miles from Flagstaff – Width of Cañon 18 miles Depth 6640 ft

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Sketched from Nature
By Jules Baumann
June 1891

THE GRAND CAÑON Etc
ARIZONA

(over)

JOHN W. WHOLIHAN, M.D.
102 LYDIA STREET
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

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(1) Size overall Framed 27" x 40"

(2) Colors - Various greens in Forested Area pictured, Evidence of overhead clouds that gives Shadow effect of Trees & overcast clouds Levels of rocks pinks and sand Colors quite good with slight Foxing in some areas.

(3) Oak Frame in Excellent Condition Print intact as it has been removed (Personally) - glass cleaned & back of frame repapered. No repairs to print nor could I find any Tears

JOHN W. WHOLIHAN, M.D.
~~102 LYDIA STREET~~
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Eric P Newman Numismatic Education Society.
St Louis. Mo.

Dear Mr Newman:
Presuming you have had adequate time to inquire regarding further on the Gov't print & not hearing from you I assume there is probably no further interest in the item.

Please return the photo of the print (& letters regarding it) as soon as possible as I plan to leave here about Dec 20 to visit my Son in Peoria for the Holidays & thence west where I assume there may be some continued interest in acquiring it.

Thanking you.

Sincerely
John W Wholihan.

Dec 1, 1970

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Secretary Newman Society
Dear Madam:
In the event of Mr Newman
absence please return material
sent several months ago -
Picture and letter copies.

Thank you
John W. Wholihan

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

*6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri*

December 7, 1970

Dr. John W. Wholihan
[redacted]

Dear Dr. Wholihan:

In your letter of July 4, 1970 you stated that if we wished to retain the photograph, you would have another copy made. We would like to have a copy for the Missouri Historical Society.

We have your letter of December 1, 1970 and, accordingly, we are returning the material and the photograph.

There is a definite interest of the Missouri Historical Society in acquiring the item but it will be necessary for you to put a price on it, first. When you reach that point you may desire to submit the item to them. Unfortunately, organizations like the Missouri Historical Society, hesitate to make offers because, sometimes, those offers are used as a basis for submitting the item to someone else.

Good luck with your print.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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